

ENERGY USE AND CONSERVATION Administrative Guideline

Fitzgerald Public Schools will encourage and support reasonable efforts to reduce energy consumption and energy costs while maintaining and improving the comfort and safety of its facilities.

Facilities and Property Services

1. Utility purchases consisting of natural gas, water, sewer and electricity will be reviewed annually and, where appropriate, their procurement will be treated as a commodity. As such, every effort will be made to purchase supplies from reliable vendors at competitive prices.
2. Energy use and costs will be systematically monitored, tracked, and analyzed for each facility, as well as the District in aggregate.
3. Energy conservation equipment and design standards will be considered for new buildings and as part of upgrades of renovations of existing facilities.

Consideration will be given to the long-term cost of such projects, rather than only their initial cost.

Those projects that would result in long-term energy savings would be given preference.

4. Stand-alone energy conservation projects may be included as part of the District's capital project compilation where the return on investment is favorable.
5. Reasonable time schedules and temperature regulations will be developed to help promote conservation. This will include regulations for both air conditioning and heating systems.
6. Staff development will be provided, where appropriate, with a focus on energy management and energy conservation.